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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
For Utility or Design Application**

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**A MESSAGING METHOD AND APPARATUS INCLUDING A PROTOCOL STACK THAT CORRESPONDS
SUBSTANTIALLY TO AN OPEN SYSTEM INTERCONNECTION (OSI) MODEL AND INCORPORATES A SIMPLE
NETWORK TRANSPORT LAYER**

The specification of which:

☐ is attached hereto

OR

☒ was filed on December 20, 2000 as U.S. Application Serial No. _____ or PCT International No. _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable)

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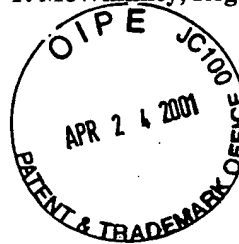
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